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Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

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3. Three (3) sheets of drawings.
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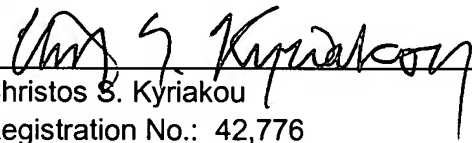
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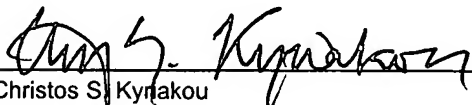
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WHEREAS Stephen Baratian residing at 10300 Carleigh Lane, Roswell, Georgia, 30076, Christopher Dale Fenwick residing at 910 Ramsden Run, Alpharetta, Georgia, 30022, Melpo Lambidonis residing at 3730 Werrington Drive, Cumming, Georgia, 30040, Susan Carol Sudbeck residing at 310 Tanners Crossing, Alpharetta, Georgia, 30022, Christian Trusock residing at 7270 Treyburn Drive, Cumming, Georgia, 30041 and James Hongxue Wang residing at 1325 E. Overland Road, Appleton, Wisconsin, 54911 (hereinafter collectively referred to as Assignors), have made an invention and have each either (1) previously executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor or (2) are contemporaneously executing an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America for the invention which is entitled:

The Assignors further covenant that the Assignors will promptly provide, upon written request, Assignee with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents in foreign countries as may be known and accessible to the Assignors and that they will promptly execute and deliver to Assignee or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue, extend and

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